

**NOVEMBER
2019**

SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS NEWSLETTER

...AND THE WHEELS GO AROUND AND ROUND
BUT IT TAKES OUR BUS NUTS TO KEEP THEM GOING!



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From the Presidential Desk of Tony Fraley



Unfortunately, our President, Tony Fraley, has not been up to his usual feistiness and has had to lay low.

On behalf of all the Bus Nuts, Tony, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope the medical teams can find out what is wrong.





From the Secretarial Desk

Of Judy Kass

November 9, 2019

A brief meeting was held on Saturday morning. Vice President, Tom Brown, stepped in for Tony Fraley.

Sue Fuller, representing the Nominating Committee, provided the nominees for 2020. She said the election would be held on December 30, at the Desert Hot Springs New Year's Rally, with installation of officers on January 1, 2020.

The following is a list of members running for office in 2020.

PRESIDENT:	GENE LE MEUR
TREASURER:	BEVERLY JONES
SECRETARY:	LOIS JONES
WAGON MASTER:	
NATIONAL DIRECTOR:	CHRISTINE CROSS
ALT. NAT. DIRECTOR:	
PAST PRESIDENT:	TONY FRALEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	
JIM PATTERSON	(2 nd year)
RON MACY	(2 ND year)
BOB CROFT	(1 st of 2 years)
ALAN JONES	(1 st of 2 years)
APPOINTED POSITIONS:	
DATA/ROSTER:	SUE FULLER
HOSPITALITY:	JAN MACY
MEMBERSHIP:	BOB CROFT
NEWSLETTER:	JAN MACY
PAST PRESIDENT:	TONY FRALEY

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ROSTER CHAIR... SUE FULLER



IMPORTANT

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ATTENTION ALL BUS NUTS!

WARNING
DUE DATES ARE CLOSER
THAN THEY APPEAR

YOUR 2020 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Please mail your check for \$20.00 payable to:

SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

MAIL TO: SUE FULLER

14061 FRANCES ST.

WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

THANK YOU



FROM THE DESK OF HOSPITALITY

As many of you know, Lois Huff has been wanting to step down from her position of Hospitality. Well her wish has been granted, and I will be taking over her position. In the future, please let me know of any news...Happy, Sad, Good, Bad or Ugly. If possible, I would like to get Birthday's-month and day only or milestone ages and Anniversary dates along with number of years. I think this would be a nice addition to the Newsletters. Thank you, Jan Macy

- I am happy to report that, Jeanne Blankenship is now walking a lot...and the pain is gone!!! THAT IS REALLY GOOD NEWS!!!!
- At our November Rally, Jackie LeMeur had to make a visit to the hospital after having some serious pains. Thought it was over, but unfortunately Gene, the next day, had to take her in to Temecula which resulted in a layover...and still there~, just learned she has fluid on the brain and it is being discussed as to the next steps. Get better Jackie! We missed you!
- Let's all keep our fingers crossed Cowboy Bob keeps his COPD under control AND that he and Barbara can go on the cruise they have planned this month.
- Edda Patterson (and Jim) just came back from a great Hawaiian cruise, BUT she brought home the wrong souvenirs!!! A bad cough and no voice! No, no...wrong kind, Edda! Have Jim make some Chicken soup for you!
- Molly Moore, what a champ! You kept on truckin' and bypassed some of the deliciousness that you, Sue and Warren prepared, because of the special diet you were on due to the Diverticulitis. Hoped that has "passed" and all "behind" you by now! No nuts/seeds for you!
-  We offer all those who have had Birthdays and Anniversaries these last few months, a special toast to living life another year and to love!

Sending virtual Hug



**TAKE CARE OF
YOUR BODY.
IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE YOU HAVE
TO LIVE IN.**





NOVEMBER RALLY REPORT

JOSHUA TREE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB IN JOSHUA TREE

WITH TRAIL BOSSES: SUE, MOLLY AND WARREN



Write up brought to you by JUDY KASS this month with comments by Jan, Sue & Molly!



What a fine Rally this turned out to be. We only had a total of 7 coaches and a motel room, with a total of 16 people. Those in attendance were Sue & Everett, Molly & Warren, Lorraine & Larry, Tom & Judy, Richard & Lillian, Lois & Ray, and Ron & Jan (yes, we are moteling it...again.) Unfortunately, Gene & Jackie had to leave early, but Gene did return to attend the meeting and pick up his RV.



...and a café it was!!!

The sisters, Sue & Molly along with hubby Warren and (lots of help and encouragement from Jan and Ron too) kept everybody well fed!!

OH, SO GOOD.... Pulled BBQ Pork Sanniches on Thursday evening.



Yum-Yum!

Friday morning brought us a hot oatmeal breakfast with lots of goodies to add....



A real Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday,



Saturday morning, we were gifted with an aromatic, delicious French Toast Casserole AND an Egg and Sausage Casserole. Both were worthy of going back for seconds!!! (Sorry folks, no photos.... too busy stuffing my face! ~jm)

Saturday dinner was PASTA with not one, but two sauces to choose from!



...and don't forget the desserts! How about pumpkin pie and cherry cobbler with ice cream? Can't go wrong there!!



BUT WAIT.....

There were excursions too! A visit to the orchid nursery on Friday, where I understand Ron discovered an insect devouring plant...other than a Venus Fly Trap!



Saturday, at Gene's suggestion, some of us toured the very interesting area and investigated a most unusual Party Cat statue carved from a 98,000lb piece of Portuguese marble!! He is sporting sunshades and carrying a pop top can! It was shipped from Portugal and took 20 people putting in 18hr days and 2 ½ months! It was originally built for the 2015 Coachella Fest, then transported to Joshua Tree.



PIONEERTOWN built as a movie set in 1946 and used in the 1940's n 1950's

Another group ventured to Pioneertown and the famous bar...Pappy & Harriet's. This popular spot rivals the Desert Bar by the River in history and draws customers from far and wide. The staff is extremely welcoming and friendly, the food good and the old western facility and town is fascinating with its shows and old town feel. Definitely worth the ride which is not more than 15 minutes from the RV park.

Sorry folks, we don't have any photos of the group that went there on Saturday, but...I do have pictures when a stop was made on Sunday! However, it was closed and empty of activity.





On the way to Pioneertown, Tom Brown took folks on a trip down memory lane to a ten-acre plot of land he and Margie owned some years ago. This property had been known as "TOM'S TEN" and though located on a high hilltop at the end of a winding road that appeared to be too treacherous for travel in a motorhome, Tom, Margie and a group of friends had ventured there frequently for weekend adventures and lots of fun.

Ron & I took an excursion into the JT Nat'l Park where we did some rock climbing!



Also, on Saturday, since we had a turkey dinner on Friday, we were treated with turkey sandwiches...where some like it hot, some like it cold...but both were so good!!!



Our excursions were usually done after breakfast and were not all-day events, so it left time to play a game before cocktail time or take a nap... if needed... or simply just because!



Saturday evening, we were surprised by a game of BUS NUT BINGO! Molly and Sue had personalized the game with words pertaining to the club, and the Bingo wins could have resulted in BIG WINS for those lucky enough to have Bingos and scratch off a Win on their prize Lottery tickets...but Nope! It didn't happen, for Molly x2, Ray or Warren!



Friday and Saturday evenings, after stuffing ourselves with deliciousness, and a quick game, we ventured outside and sat around a beautiful campfire provided by Ray Bass. We were entertained and had many good laughs from comments and answers while playing "Say the State which Lois Jones made up! Our comedian was Richard Rody who told us funny stories.



The older I get, the earlier it gets late.



Thank you all for being there and making a fun Rally. It may have been small, but it was filled with good memories! ~ Sue and Molly



WMHA - ADVANCE NOTICE.....

Sock Hop Luncheon Indio! Yes, we are having LUNCH!

Wear your poodle skirts and weird socks for lunch, dancing, door prizes!

This is open to women and men. Don't forget to register and pay for this on your registration, this will sell out quickly!

I am also looking for volunteers to help decorate. I've got ALL the party supplies but sure do need LOTS of help!!! About 11 am on Friday!!!!

Thanks,
Christine Cross
First Lady, WMHA
714-997-2195



FYI – The Bus Nuts will be donating a \$20 Gift Card as a Door Prize!

OUR SCHEDULE!

2019 SWBN RALLY AGENDA

√ *January 9-13* Western Motor Home Assoc. Rally - Indio Fairgrounds Indio, CA

√ *February* No Rally for Bus Nuts

√ *March 7-10* Pechanga Casino - Temecula, CA Reg closed. Patterson's & Macy's

√ *March 13-16* FMCA Convention Perry, GA

√ *April 11-14* The Springs - Borrego Springs, CA Reg Closed

Joe & Linda Chavez - Tony & Betty Fraley

√ May 9-12 Pismo Coast Village - Pismo Beach, CA Allen & Beverly Jones

June, July & Aug No Rally's for Bus Nuts

Aug 14-17 FMCA Convention 100TH -. Minot, North Dakota

√ *Sep 12-15* KOA Chula Vista, CA LeMeurs and Friends

October No Rally for Bus Nuts

√ **NOVEMBER 7 - 10** Sportsman Club Joshua Tree, CA Fuller's and Moore's

DEC 29 – JAN 2, 2020 New Year's Rally - Catalina Spa & Resort, Desert Hot Springs

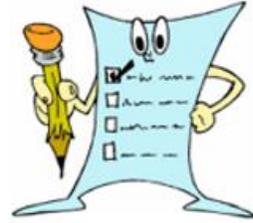
The Fraley's and The Fuller's

If you would like to Trail Boss one of the above Rallies, please contact:

Gene LeMeur 951-929-8801

IMPORTANT

I URGE YOU TO SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN FOR THESE RALLY'S AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THE FORMS, AS THE PARKS ARE WANTING DEADLINE CONFIRMATIONS A MONTH OR MORE IN ADVANCE.



2020 SWBN RALLY SCHEDULE

JAN 8-12	Western Motor Home WMHA	Indio, CA	
FEB	NO RALLY		
MAR 12-15	Valencia Village	Valencia, CA	Judy Cass & Lois Jones
	Tour of Nethercutt Museum & Collection		
MAR 26-29	101 st Intn'l Convention	Tucson, AZ	
APR 16-19	Golden Village Palms	Hemet, CA	Gene LeMeur
	Ramona Pageant		
MAY 7-10	Pala Casino	Pala, CA	Dale Ford
JUN	NO RALLY		
JUL	NO RALLY		
AUG	NO RALLY		
SEP	Chula Vista KOA		
NOV	Buellton Flying Flags		
DEC			

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SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS NEW YEARS EVE PARTY RALLY

December 29, 2019 to January 2, 2020

CATALINA SPA & RV RESORT

18-800 Corkill Road Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241 760-329-4431

Wear your badges at all times during the rally

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN COCKTAIL GLASSES

- Sunday, Dec 29⁺
- 5:30 Settle in, greet old friends, and check out the park and all it has to offer!
 - 5:30 Happy Hour with hosted bar in the clubhouse, bring your bar glass
 - 6:00 Potluck, heavy hor' dors, and bring your own dinner service
 - 6:30 Cards and Games
- Monday, Dec 30th
- 7:30 to 9:30 Pay as you go Breakfast in the club house \$5.00(Big Breakfast)
Many things to do and see in the area, or enjoy old friends, the pools, or pickle ball!
 - 5:30 Happy Hour in Club House, Hosted Bar, bring your bar glass
 - 6:00 Ham Dinner in Club House
 - 7:30 Music and dancing to Me, Myself & I
- Tuesday, Dec 31st
- 9:00-10:30 Pancake Breakfast in the Club House (included in rally fee must wear badge)
 - 11:00 Decorating Committee work their magic!
 - 6:00 New Year's Party to begin, dressy, formal or casual elegance is appropriate
Happy Hour in Club House, Open Bar
 - 7:00 Prime Rib Dinner with all your favorite sides and dessert
 - 8:30 Music and Dancing and Champagne toasts till Midnight
- Wednesday, January 1st
- 11:00 Black-eyed Peas and cornbread in Club House
 - 12:00 Installation of 2020 Bus Nut Officers
Football pools, big screen TV and open bar
 - 3:00 Hot Dogs and all the fixings
- Wednesday, January 2nd Happy and Healthy 2020 to all, see you at the next Rally, Drive Safe!

2019 SOUTHWESTERN BUS NUTS NEW YEAR'S EVE RALLY

Make your reservations today, Limited Sites Available. Please mail your registration to
Gene LeMeur (checks payable to Southwestern Bus Nuts)
2373 Sonoma Dr.,
San Jacinto, CA 92583

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 10

Name _____ F# _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ email _____

Handicapped? Y___ N___ #_____ Length of rig _____ # of slides _____

Rally Fee-Couples _____ \$270.00 _____

Rally Fee_ Singles _____ \$135.00 _____

Parking Fee 4 Nights (Dec 29-Jan 2) _____ \$152.00 _____

Total Registration _____ \$ _____

If you want to come in early or stay late call the park directly.

If you want to leave your coach in the park while you go home till Indio,
Unoccupied only

SEE PARK for available space and price

Please notice the **DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 10**

Senior Sentiments.....

Thoughts on Aging

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play, on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet passes? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART,
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!



Hi you Bus Nuts! Don't forget to send in your dues and registration forms for the New Year's Eve Rally!



Please submit something.....



A tasty, easy recipe or one from a rally that was requested. Or a funny one!



A handy hint for an RV user.



Good, clean jokes or thoughts, notes, reminders. Road trip stories!!!



Please keep any changes in your contact info up to date.

THANK YOU!

*~Jan Macy
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*"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years."
Abraham Lincoln*



See ya.....

"The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn."

David Russell